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PLAN BIG OVATION  
FOR PRES. WILSONLondon Will Give Him the  
Greatest Reception Ever  
Accorded Any Guest

London, Nov. 26.—"President Wilson will receive the greatest reception we ever gave any guest. No progress any emperor ever made will equal his," says the Observer in an article discussing the coming visit of the president to England. It adds:

"We rejoice that an event we have so urgently advocated is now assured."

The newspaper, discussing the question of the freedom of the seas, says: "There is a profound contrast between America which is a solid continental unit, and the British empire, which is essentially a maritime system."

"Shipping and the naval means for guarding it corresponds to the transcontinental railways which link the United States from ocean to ocean and to the internal police required for guarding them. If this one fundamental diversity between the positions of the two countries and their sources of life is grasped there can be no extreme difficulty in adjusting points of view on all matters."

LIEUT. DR. HARRY  
BOSWELL HERE

Lieut. Dr. Harry Boswell, of the officers training camp at Camp Pike, Arkansas, is here visiting his brother, Dr. J. H. Boswell. Lieutenant Boswell is well known here, and his many friends are very glad to see him back again altho he is here for a short time. Lieutenant Boswell has been in Camp for the past three months, and hopes to go over soon.

BAXTER PEOPLE IN GALENA  
FROM THE TIMES

Miss Bernice Hodson, who has been visiting relatives in this city for several weeks, has returned to her home in Baxter Springs.

Misses Edith Lee and Margaret Upchurch, who are teachers in the Baxter schools, were the week-end guests of their parents.

Attorney N. J. McNeill of Baxter Springs is in this city on business today.

Walter Apple of Baxter Springs is a business visitor in Galena today.

## THE ELKS' MEMORIAL

Next Sunday all lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in America will meet in solemn session, known as the "Lodge of Sorrow," to pay their respects to members who have passed to the Great Beyond. Announcements have already been sent out from the Lodges at Galena, Joplin and Miami. In Baxter Springs are several men who are members of the Lodge of Elks and many of them are planning on attending lodge Sunday at one of the nearby towns.

This year will be especially important to the Elks, since being composed largely of young men, they have many members in the service of the United States, and almost every lodge has upon its Honor Roll one or more boys who have given up their lives in the defense of democracy. Both the dead and the living soldiers will be honored at the coming service.

## ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following are additional subscriptions to the United War Work fund:

Thos. H. Williams	5.00
G. E. Lundgren	10.00
Emma Perkins	1.00
T. H. Miller	1.00
Oren B. Strong	1.00
E. C. Rice	1.00
J. C. McKnight	1.00
Mrs. T. L. Myers	1.00
G. W. Stetson	5.00
J. A. Manning	1.00
O. B. Tinsley	10.00
Dr. J. H. Boswell	10.00
J. G. Beitzner	1.00
Best Hendry	1.00
J. W. Barnes	5.00
Miss Mabel Morgan	2.00
Mrs. James L. Smith	10.00

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong and Mrs. Ole Armstrong of Miami, Okla., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Harmon.

BOOM GEN. PERSHING  
FOR NEXT PRESIDENTRepublicans in Ohio, Led by  
Former Senator Dick, Or-  
ganize "Pershing Re-  
publican League"

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 26.—A campaign for the election of Gen. John J. Pershing, commander in chief of the American expedition forces in France, to the presidency in 1920, was launched in Ohio today by the application for the incorporation of "The Pershing Republican League."

Former United States Senator Charles Dick of Akron and fourteen other prominent republicans of Akron and Summit county, are sponsors for the movement. Mr. Dick's name heads the list of men who signed the articles of incorporation presented to the secretary of state today.

Dick Heads League

The Pershing league will be permanently organized tonight at Akron. It is said that Mr. Dick probably will be made president.

As set forth in the articles of incorporation, the league is to "crystallize the already existing sentiment for Gen. John J. Pershing as president of the United States in 1920 and to work for his nomination and election."

Other leagues are to be formed in every stage and district in the nation, it is said.

"We do not know whether General Pershing wants to be president or not," said Mr. Dick. "But we do know that there is a great sentiment throughout the nation for him to be. It is sufficient to nominate him, I am certain he will consider it his duty to accept the nomination."

Although General Pershing is a republican he has never taken any active part in politics. When his name was mentioned in the press some time ago as a possible candidate for the presidency in 1920, the general discouraged the suggestion, saying the winning the war was his first consideration.

Political dopesters for months have been speculating upon the possibilities of Pershing's candidacy. It is generally conceded that he would be a strong candidate.

So far as is known the general never has committed himself on the subject of his political future.

CITY WILL PAY  
STREET NUMBERSCity Council Decided that City Would  
Pay for the Numbering of  
the Houses

If you have paid for the numbering of your house go to the city clerk and the money will be refunded.

The first plan for the payment for numbering the houses has been revised and all the numbering will be paid out of the general fund. For some reason a great many people in town refused to pay for their house numbering and this put the contractor in a dilemma. He appealed to the city council and after some debate it was decided that the entire amount would be paid out of the general fund. Those who have paid will have their money refunded to them.

## LEO ARMSTRONG JUNIOR

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Armstrong are the parents of a fine seven pound boy that was born last Friday. Mrs. Armstrong was so weak from her recent attack of influenza that fears were entertained for her safety but Mrs. Armstrong and Leo, junior, are doing nicely. The boy's full name is Paul Leo Armstrong.—Columbus Daily Advocate.

Leo Armstrong, Sr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Armstrong of this city, and the proud grand parents, and their adopted son, Ray Berry, will go to Columbus tomorrow to see the new heir and spend Thanksgiving day.

Miss Inas Hummel has returned to her home in Webb City after a weeks visit here with her sister, Mrs. C. W. Phillips of North Ottawa Avenue.

## WILL WE, OR WILL WE NOT?

Just at this time the merchants of Baxter Springs are making their first attempt at co-operation since the organization of what may be termed the new Baxter Springs. How vital pulling together is for a town few people appreciate fully. No one in Baxter Springs has a business future here unless the town has. It is absolutely folly for any fellow in business to imagine he is going to fatten while those around him starve. It is absolute foolishness for anybody here to think they will prosper unless Baxter Springs as a town may be considered prosperous. It is very necessary that this town rise in unison and declare our desires to the world. People who go after the business are the ones who get it these days.

Coming to the point, a few of us are struggling under some difficulties in connection with the program for the three grade days on December 12th, 13th and 14th. The merchants have responded in fine sentiment to the co-operative idea. Have pledged themselves to offer the bargains and help defray the expenses of the days. But this is not enough. It takes a little work, a little effort coupled with a little thought. "There is no excellence without great labor." There is lack of decision in the making up of minds relative to inducements and the entire program threatens to drag unless immediate action is forthcoming. A half dozen workers can't put the thing over. Everybody agrees, but few act. MAKE UP YOUR MIND WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO OFFER FOR THOSE DAYS AND IF YOU ARE MISSED BY A COMMITTEE PHONE IT IN TO THE DAILY CITIZEN. DO IT NOW—THIS MUST BE IN BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK AND IF YOU FORCE SOMEONE TO HUNT YOU UP OR WAIT UNTIL YOU COME BACK FROM A BUSINESS TRIP YOU WORK AN INJURY UPON THE ENTIRE PROCESS AND UPON THE FELLOW WHO IS WORKING TO MAKE A GOOD TOWN FOR YOU.

These things are important—very important. We all know what falling down on anything means after it has been announced. If you are appointed on a committee—be there on time. The "let George do it" spirit has wrecked many healthy chances. Everything doesn't come to him who waits if he is in business, but everything does come to him who waits if he goes after it while waiting. A great business man has said: "It is the man who rises up off his knees and answers his own prayers is the one the Lord shows the most favor." If we sit around here this winter waiting like young birds for the worm to be dropped in our mouths, we are apt to be disappointed.

This town has excellent prospects, but there is surprising lack of initiative. Co-operating does not mean opening the safe and shelling out the contents in response to the first scheme that comes around. It means giving a little and doing a lot more.

Like many other towns it has been comparatively easy for us to carry through successfully great Red Cross and Liberty Loan programs, raise stupendous sums, marshal our forces and do business up right—with Uncle Sam's finger pointed at us and his words of command in our ears, but when it comes to doing things for ourselves it is a little harder to muster up the sinews of war, which are mainly a little work. Spontaneous action in any direction is better than sitting around with a business toothache waiting for the ground of trade to thaw out.

Here is another thing that hangs like a millstone around the neck of the town: The deadly fear that somebody will do more than the other fellow in work or expense. It is a good deal like the story of the sticks and brothers in one of McGuffey's old readers. The father called all the sons together before he died and offered a big sum to any of his big sons if they could break the bundle. They could not and the father untied the bundle and broke their sticks one by one with perfect ease. The moral being that the sons would lose their property in the same way if they did not stick together.

Every town, in the natural order of personal percentages, has to drag a few dead ones. It depends on the locomotive power of Baxter Springs whether this drag is hard or easy. If they were not here others like them would be for every other town has a few business parasites and some of them more than we have. There is no reason for giving Joplin all the business of this district just because Bill and Ike down the street some place refuse to give their share. Take what they will give, for it is better than none. If a few stockholders in our little city of Baxter Springs are minded to reap equal dividends on a smaller investment than others of us—why let them, for we have no city ordinance that compels them to do otherwise. Let's don't cut off our business nose to spite our face.

The "dead ones" are mighty scarce in Baxter Springs after all, in the true sense of the phrase. The "live ones" are far away in the majority—at least in sentiment. Work spells success in whatever we undertake here.

GEN. WOOD CAN NOT  
COME TO BAXTERDemobilization Matters Prevents the  
General Accepting Invitation  
to Speak Here

General Leonard Wood, commanding at Camp Funston, cannot come to Baxter Springs during the first of December because of demobilizing the troops. When the community program for this city was contemplated, to occur December 12, 13 and 14, an invitation was extended to General Wood to give Baxter Springs a speaking date. In his reply, received at the Chamber of Commerce today:

"Dear Sarchet:  
"Your letter of the 21st received. I appreciate very much the courtesy and compliment of your invitation, but

military duties here are so pressing at the present time that I cannot make any additional engagements.

"I have tried to do what I could for the Liberty Loan and the various activities connected with the betterment of conditions among our troops. I am very sorry that I cannot go to Baxter Springs. At the present time muster out of troops, etc., is holding us all here.

"Sincerely yours,  
"Leonard Wood."

Baxter Springs has a pair of as pretty little jewelry stores as one may find anywhere in the country. Messrs. Mitchell and Meyerding are to be complimented on their taste and pride.

Mrs. L. D. Brewster left Tuesday afternoon for Camp Funston to spend Thanksgiving at the home of her son and daughter, Lieut. and Mrs. Frank Brewster. She will also go to Topeka to attend a meeting of the state committee for preparing for the coming celebration of Britain Day.

PARTY IS READY TO  
BUILD 18 HOUSESWill Begin Soon If Suitable Lots Can  
Be Bought at a Fair  
Price

"Only the high price of building lots in Baxter is holding back the construction of new houses at the present time. Men who come here to invest with the purpose of building one or more houses find that the price of lots taking into consideration such a great number of vacant lots, is too high and they back away from any investment. This has happened frequently during the past year and is still happening," according to C. M. Sarchet, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who adds that "there should be some program outlined to encourage the building of homes."

The Chamber of Commerce is in touch with one party, at the present time, who wants to move eighteen houses to Baxter that will rent from \$10 to \$12 per month, and with another who desires to sell 15 more such houses to be moved here. Also with one lumberman who desires to build several modern bungalows and cottages, but who has been unable thus far to find satisfactory lots at a price that he considers he can pay and then put up the houses.

Real estate men generally report a better condition here than for several months past. There are numerous inquiries for houses and the rule is that there are no desirable vacant houses in town. They are unanimous that houses that will rent from \$25 to \$30 per month will go like hot cakes.

## EMPTYING CAMP FUNSTON

Estimated That 2,800 Will Be Re-  
leased by End of Week

Junction City, Nov. 26.—Discharge from service of the men in the development battalions of the 164th depot brigade at Camp Funston continued today. It is estimated that 2,800 men will be discharged before the end of the week. The men are paid in full to the date of discharge and receive the usual mileage allowed to soldiers, but the anticipated bonus of one month's pay cannot be given until a bill permitting it is passed by congress. Each man whose record merits it, receives a letter from Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commandant, expressing regret over the fact that the discharged man did not graduate into active service before the signing of the armistice.

## TO CELEBRATE BRITISH DAY

A request has been received at the Chamber of Commerce and by all similar organizations throughout the United States, asking that December 7 be observed as British Day. As December 7 is Saturday it is difficult to arrange any particular celebration for that day, but all Baxter people will be asked to display the British flag on that day and all the ministers of the city will be requested to devote a portion of one of their sermons on the following day to the British observance. This was decided upon at the regular weekly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors.

We learn that several business deals are pending in Baxter Springs. At least two business houses are about to change hands and some real estate over town is being "dickered" on. The fact the mine operators are working out the storage house program is leading many people to believe that the transition period from war to peace may be short lived in the lead and zinc industry. The early return of some five hundred soldiers and sailors to Baxter and immediate vicinity is also looked forward to with assurance.

Now Opal Hesser is a heroine. She saved the last life of a cat. (You know a cat has nine lives and this was the last one, she thinks.) Mrs. Hesser got up the other morning and found outside the window of her bed room a cat with its head fastened in a salmon can. Kitty was in dire straits and almost exhausted and could scarcely wiggle when extricated from the uncomfortable predicament. Mrs. Hesser thinks the cat died eight times and had but one life left and from her story we think so too. But the cat came back.

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ORE STOREHOUSES  
BY FIRST MONTHMany Questions Asked Concern-  
ing Opening of Lead and  
Zinc Storehouses for  
This District

Numerous operators throughout the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma field are asking the question: "How is the warehouse proposition to be handled and what are the benefits?"

The question is not a hard one to answer. In the first place, the Ore Storage Warehouses, with the one to open December 1, will be equipped with automatic dumps, thus eliminating the necessity of employing a "jack backer." Chemists will be on hand to sample and assay the ore immediately after being placed in the bins. The ore will be taken to the bin by automatic conveyors, doing away with another man to shovel. Everything will be done promptly and accurately and within two hours after delivery to the warehouse, the operator will know exactly how much he may expect to borrow on his ore at the bank.

The benefits to be derived from the proposed warehouse plan by the operators are manifold. For a nominal cost the operator knows his ore is safe; knows he may borrow money for running expenses upon short notice, and further, that there is but small chance for a so called "slump" in the market.

With the establishment of an ore storage system throughout the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma mining district, the first step toward a much needed standardization of product and price, has been taken.

There is a deal of improvement in the telephone service in Baxter Springs recently. "Central" and her "hello girls" are giving us very good service. The long distance service out of Baxter Springs is also prompt and praiseworthy.

Ray Harmon's new home will soon be completed on Twelfth street and Lincoln Avenue.

Rev. C. W. Yard, Christian minister of Columbus, visited friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook and Mrs. T. M. Meyerding were Joplin visitors Monday.

PRETTY YOUNG GIRL  
LOST IN JOPLINWas There From Cherryvale  
Shopping With the Family  
When She Suddenly  
Disappeared

In the complete disappearance in Joplin Saturday night of Rosie Sack, a 14 year old girl, that city has a deep mystery for the police to solve. Rosie arrived in Joplin the same day with her brother and other members of the family from Cherryvale. They had driven there to do some Christmas shopping and enjoy a day in the city. While her brother and sister-in-law were in a store doing some shopping, Rosie said that she would go to the ladies' waiting room of the Frisco depot. She has not been seen by her relatives since that time, although they started a search for her within half an hour.

Rosie is described by her parents as a quiet girl much attached to her home and they are sure she would not have gone away of her own volition. After a futile attempt to find the missing girl the police were notified and they instigated a thorough search of rooming houses and other places where they believed it possible the girl could be located. No trace of the girl had been found up to a late hour last night, although a close vigilance is being kept by the police.

Mr. and Mrs. Sack came to Joplin to aid in the search.

At the time of her disappearance she wore a black hat and coat with brown shoes. She has light hair and blue eyes and is about five feet tall.

Mrs. H. B. Scoville of Galena, visited friends here today.